



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMITTEE: Oneida County Fair Planning Team

PLACE: UW-Extension Conference Room, Lower Level, Airport Terminal
3375 Airport Road, Rhinelander, WI 54501

DATE: Tuesday, August 14, 2018

TIME: 6:00 pm

Members Present: Fred Andrist, Jim Winkler, Theresa Seabloom, Bill Freudenberg, Tom Barnett, Cheryl Salzman, Jim Perlberg, Jean Platek, Robin Harrison

Absent: Linda Walker

Excused:

Others Present: Josh Skubal, Mary Freudenberg, Tim White, Kelsey Mueller, Barry and Cindy Eckhardt

MINUTES:

- 1. Call to Order and President's Announcements:** President Fred Andrist called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted. The facility is handicap accessible. Andrist announced he was happy with how the Fair went and predicts it will get better every year. His overall thought is to capitalize on our strengths and work on our weaknesses. A thank you and congratulations to everyone involved with the Fair this year.
- 2. Approve Agenda for Today's Meeting:** A motion was made by Winkler, seconded by Harrison, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 3. Approve Minutes of July 24, 2018:** A motion was made by Perlberg, seconded by Freudenberg, to approve the July 24, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.
- 4. Approve Current Expenses:** The expenses from July 24th on were accepted.
- 5. Treasurer Report:** Freudenberg reported that monies made from the K&M Carnival is \$7,280, \$3,550 from the raffle, and \$341.40 from the donation boxes. The report showed a balance of \$17,345.90. A motion was made by Winkler, seconded by Perlberg, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried. Some discussion ensued agreeing that we don't want any budget cuts from the County for next year. Andrist will follow-up on what and where our carry-over balance is.
- 6. CUW Committee Rep Report:** Winkler reported members of the Oversight Committee were impressed with Barnett's enthusiasm. They saw TV promos of the Fair and thought they were good. They also approved of the thought of selling our Exhibit display cases if we choose to.
- 7. Fair Coordinator Report:** Barnett reported he has lots of plans for next year's Fair. He was happy with the sponsorships received, especially to cover Entertainment Acts. He also reported that Schoeneck Home Improvement committed to putting up the stage that they donated for us every year. When asked about attendance, Barnett reported the number on the counters came to 12,562 (suggesting this may not be an accurate number for attendance).

- 8. Sale of Display Cases:** It is agreed that storage space for the Fair is limited and becoming less. We have 18 large and 13 smaller display cases that could be replaced. Barnett proposed we sell them and have new ones made that would take up less room, for one thing. He stated he knows of some interest in purchasing them and discussion took place on this proposal. Barnett passed around a drawn plan for new ones that could be made with the help of possibly McNaughton Camp and donated lumber. It was decided we have three options – to do nothing and keep them, we could sell all of them, or we could sell some and give us more time to consider how we want to proceed with the rest (this is what Jim Winkler has suggested we do to the Oversight Committee). After discussion, a motion was made by Harrison, seconded by Platek, to sell all of the old cases and have new ones made. Motion carried, with one exception by Winkler, 8-1. It was noted that volunteers in the Exhibition Court asked to be consulted for input on the drawing of new display plans.
- 9. Storage of Trolley:** Barnett was notified that the Fair needs to remove the trolley cars from the County Garage and find another place to store them. Tim White has volunteered to store them on his property until we find another place to permanently store them. A motion was made by Freudenberg, seconded by Platek, that we take White up on his offer and store them there short-term while we look for another place for them. Motion carried.
- 10. 2019 Budget:** We need to have our 2019 Budget request in to the County Board by September 10. Some of the needs of the Fair are infrastructure changes at the Park and also an addition made to the Fair garage for storage, which will be of some cost to us. A comment was made that we ask the School Building Program, or possibly using the Blackwell Program, to take on this project. With those and other issues in mind, discussion took place regarding an amount of funds to propose from the County. A motion was made by Harrison, seconded by Perlberg, to request the amount of \$25,000 for 2019, at the Oneida County Budget meeting in November. Motion carried.
- 11. Debrief Fair:** We first addressed what “went right.” – Andrist was impressed how we, as a small group, came together to get it all done. Comments were made that the entertainment was diverse; vendors want to come back next year, favorable comments to Barnett’s endeavors, great addition to include media personalities and Ms America, volunteers were eager when asked on-the-spot for help.
Things that need changing next year and to be better prepared for. – Signage, volunteer coordinator, map of area, camper (manager, location and identification), golf carts, radio usage, political vendors, better headcount and greeting, lighting at entrances, amount of ice and water, need level tent and stage, storage space, Exhibit court, trolley traffic marking, acknowledge winners, better speakers, and (last but not least) Carnival.
- 12. Correspondence (specifically addressed to Committee)** None.
- 13. Public Comment:** None
- 14. Items to be included on Next Agenda:** Carnival, Addressing List of Problems, Other topics.
- 15. Date of Future Meetings:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Extension Conference Room at the Airport.
- 16. Go to Closed Session:** At 7:35 pm a motion was made by Andrist, seconded by Freudenberg, to begin the **Closed Session** pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Motion carried. **Topic:** Approve minutes of (4-17-18) Executive Committee meeting. Closed Session was adjourned at 7:47 pm.
- 17. Approve Minutes of 3-26-18 Meeting:** A motion was made by Platek, seconded by Salzman to approve the minutes of the 3-26-18 meeting. Motion carried.
- 18. Adjournment:** The General August 14 meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Theresa Seabloom, Secretary

Signed by President _____ Or Vice-President _____